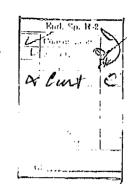


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ACTING Regional Director, Western Region, National Park Service

Subject: Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Plan - Agency Review Draft

We have the following comments on the subject plan:

Introduction - 12 would be worth briefly describing how this subspecies is behaviorally unique.

Population Numbers - Dates for the various estimates should be given (some are), especially for the Fish and Game numbers.

Reasons for Decline - The reference to "overgrazing" is unclear. refer to domestic livestock?

Recovery Procedure - The reference to "economic exploitation" is too vague. State exactly what is happening. In what way is poaching a limiting factor in Mexico? If this is a limiting factor, you should have a section in the recovery plan directed toward solving the problem.

There is some concern in the National Park Service regarding funding. Who is funding this project and when and at what level will the National Park Service get the \$26,600 budgeted over the next five years?

, Project Objective 1, Element #14, Determine taxonomic status and Project Objective 2, #21, Determine life history may not be fully appropriate to the National Park Service. These elements more logically relate to the State of Arizona and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

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